

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is presently pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to provide a clearer presentation of the claimed subject matter. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced. As such, claim 1 is currently presented for examination.

I. OBJECTIONS AND REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Applicants have amended claim 1 mooted the objections made thereto and the rejection made thereto under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

II. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS:

As noted above, independent claim 1 positively recites, inter alia, a sending lever (30) pivotally supported on the main body and having a partial gear portion (30a) that meshes directly with the partial gear portion (20a) formed on the manual lever (20).

Kawada discloses a three component system for manipulating tape feeding lever 63 with handle 20. Kawada's three component system first includes a handle 20 that has a partial gear portion 22. Kawada's partial gear portion 22 meshes with the second component, gear wheel 61. Gear wheel 61 then meshes with the third component, main segment 62a that actuates tape feeding lever 63. Thus, Kawada does not disclose applicants' two component system where sending lever (30) is pivotally supported on the main body and having a partial gear portion (30a) that meshes directly with the partial gear portion (20a) formed on the manual lever (20), as recited in applicants' claim 1. Applicants' claimed system has two gear portions, 20a and 30a, that directly mesh with each other. This two component gear system is not disclosed by Kawada's three gear system that includes gear wheel 61, which separates the gear portion on its handle and the gear portion on the tape feeding lever.

Goto does not supply what is missing in Kawada. Goto discloses a label feed mechanism that has an operating lever 8 connected to geared lever 11, which has a partial gear portion that meshes with gear 12. Gear 12 is connected to operating arm 15 that actuates claw arm 17, which

is connected to slider 20. Thus, Goto does not disclose applicants' two component system where sending lever (30) is pivotally supported on the main body and having a partial gear portion (30a) that meshes directly with the partial gear portion (20a) formed on the manual lever (20), as recited in applicants' claim 1.

For all of the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in any of Kawada or Goto that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in any of Kawada or Goto that would have suggested the desirability of combining or modifying any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicant's claimed invention. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal from this rejection, and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION:

All matters having been addressed and in view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants submits that the entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, as the claim changes: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not require any further consideration as the claim changes employ limitations from originally-filed dependent claims that should have already been searched; and (c) places the application in better form for an Appeal, should an Appeal be necessary.

Applicant's representative remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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